

United States Patent and Trademark Office

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

| APPLICATION NO. | F | FILING DATE | FIRST NAMED INVENTOR | ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. | CONFIRMATION NO. | |
|---------------------------------------|------|-------------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------|--|
| 10/815,410 | | 04/01/2004 | Anthony James Orler | ST02017C1 | 7991 | |
| 34408 | 7590 | 09/21/2004 | | EXAM | EXAMINER | |
| THE ECLIPSE GROUP 10453 RAINTREE LANE | | | | PHAN, DAO LINDA | | |
| NORTHRIE | | | | ART UNIT | PAPER NUMBER | |
| - | | | | 3662 | | |
| | | | | DATE MAILED: 09/21/2004 | 1 | |

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

| | A = = 11 - = A1 = = A1 = | A1:4/-1 | | | | | | |
|--|--|---|--------------|----|--|--|--|--|
| | Application No. | Applicant(s) | | -1 | | | | |
| Office Action Summan | 10/815,410 | ORLER ET AL. | | 5 | | | | |
| Office Action Summary | Examiner | Art Unit | | | | | | |
| The MAILING DATE of this communication and | Dao L. Phan | 3662 | Idross | | | | | |
| The MAILING DATE of this communication app Period for Reply | lears on the cover sheet with the c | orrespondence ad | aress | | | | | |
| A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION. - Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.1: after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication. - If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply - If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period - Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b). | 36(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timed within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from a cause the application to become ABANDONE | nely filed s will be considered timet the mailing date of this co D (35 U.S.C. § 133). | | | | | | |
| Status | | | | | | | | |
| 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 A | <u>pril 2004</u> . | | | | | | | |
| 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL . 2b) ☑ This | action is non-final. | | • | | | | | |
| 3) Since this application is in condition for allowar | nce except for formal matters, pro | secution as to the | e merits is | | | | | |
| closed in accordance with the practice under E | x parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 45 | 53 O.G. 213. | | | | | | |
| Disposition of Claims | | | | | | | | |
| 4) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application. | , | | | | | | | |
| 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdraw | wn from consideration. | | | | | | | |
| 5) Claim(s) is/are allowed. | • | | | | | | | |
| 6)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-20</u> is/are rejected. | | | | | | | | |
| 7) Claim(s) is/are objected to. | | | | | | | | |
| 8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/o | r election requirement. | | | | | | | |
| Application Papers | | | | | | | | |
| 9) The specification is objected to by the Examine | г. | | | | | | | |
| 10) The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) acc | ☐ The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner. | | | | | | | |
| Applicant may not request that any objection to the | drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See | e 37 CFR 1.85(a). | | | | | | |
| Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correct | ion is required if the drawing(s) is obj | jected to. See 37 Cl | FR 1.121(d). | | | | | |
| 11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Ex | caminer. Note the attached Office | Action or form P1 | ГО-152. | | | | | |
| Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 | | | | | | | | |
| 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of: 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents | |)-(d) or (f). | | | | | | |
| 2. Certified copies of the priority documents | s have been received in Applicati | on No | | | | | | |
| 3. Copies of the certified copies of the prior | rity documents have been receive | ed in this National | Stage | | | | | |
| application from the International Bureau | , , , , | | | | | | | |
| * See the attached detailed Office action for a list | of the certified copies not receive | ed. | | | | | | |
| Attachment(s) | | | | | | | | |
| 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 4) Interview Summary Paper No(s)/Mail Da | | | | | | | |
| 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) Notice of Informal P | | D-152) | | | | | |
| Paper No(s)/Mail Date | 6) 🔲 Other: | | | | | | | |

Application/Control Number: 10/815,410

Art Unit: 3662

1. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970);and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

- 2. Claims 1-20 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-19 of U.S. Patent No. 6,747,596. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the features of claims 1-20 are read over the features of claims 1-19 of U.S. Patent No. 6,747,596.
- 3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

- (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.
- 4. Claims 1-4, 9, 11-16, 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tachita et al (Pat. No. 4,800,577).

Tachita et al teach a configuration SATPS receiver including means for generating (col 3, line 9+) selected ones of the plurality of possible outputs, wherein the

Application/Control Number: 10/815,410 Page 3

Art Unit: 3662

selected ones of the plurality of possible outputs comprise outputs that are utilized by at least one particular SATPS receiver application.

- 5. Claims 5-8, 10, 17-19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
- 6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.
- 7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dao L. Phan whose telephone number is (703)306-4167. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tarcza Thomas can be reached on (703)306-4171. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

8. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see http://pair-direct.uspto.gov. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

DAO PHAN PATENT EXAMINER